

## OPINION 1648

### *Micropterus patachonicus* King, 1831 and *Anas pteneres* Forster, 1844 (both currently in *Tachyeres* Owen, 1875; Aves, Anseriformes): specific names conserved

#### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *patachonica* King, 1828, as published in the binomen *Oidemia patachonica*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *pteneres* Forster, 1844, as published in the binomen *Anas pteneres*;

(b) *patachonicus* King, 1831, as published in the binomen *Micropterus patachonicus*.

(3) The name *patachonica* King, 1828, as published in the binomen *Oidemia patachonica* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

#### History of Case 2673

An application for the conservation of the specific names of *Micropterus patachonicus* King, 1831 and *Anas pteneres* Forster, 1844 was received from Dr B.C. Livezey (*Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, U.S.A.*) on 25 July 1988. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 46: 181–184 (September 1989). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

The suppression of the specific name of *Oidemia patachonica* King, 1828 for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy conserves the junior subjective synonym *Anas pteneres* Forster, 1844 (currently *Tachyeres pteneres*). This suppression thereby prevents the specific name *patachonica* King, 1828 being a senior secondary homonym of *Micropterus patachonicus* King, 1831 when (as is the case) both taxonomic species concerned are placed in *Tachyeres* Owen, 1875.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1990 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 46: 182–183. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1990 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 27: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

#### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*patachonica*, *Oidemia*, King, 1828, *Zoological Journal (London)*, 4: 100.

- patachonicus*, *Micropterus*, King, 1831, *Proceedings of the Committee of Science and Correspondence of the Zoological Society of London*, 1: 14.
- pteneres*, Anas. Forster, 1844, *Descriptiones Animalium quae in itinere ad Maris Australis Terras per annos 1772, 1773 et 1774 suscepto collegit*, p. 338.